

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--For mounting a plurality of optical transceivers within a communication device at a high density, the plurality of optical transceivers must be arranged adjacent to each other both in the horizontal and vertical directions. However, when the optical transceiver comprises the aforementioned locking mechanism, a space must be ensured for moving operating part 203 of lever C between positions above and in front of the cage. Consequently, the plurality of cages cannot be arranged adjacent to each other in the vertical direction, thus failing to mount a plurality of optical transceivers within a communication device at a high density.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Connection port 1a is open on the front end surface of case 1 for connection to a connector ~~(not shown)~~ of an optical fiber cable. When the connector of the optical fiber cable is inserted into case 1 through connection port 1a, the connector of the optical fiber cable can be connected to the optical module. Further, as can be seen from Fig. 3, a portion of lever 3 which would interfere with the cable extending from the connector is removed such that the cable will not hinder lever 3 when the optical fiber connector is in connection to connection port 1a.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--When lever 3 is tilted to release lever 3 locked by lever stoppers 1b in this state, lever 3 pivots about pivotal shaft 3a positioned on the rear end side of cutout groove 2 to project in front of case 1, as indicated by one-dot chain lines in Fig. 6. In this embodiment, lever 3 is movable between the position indicated by solid lines and the position indicated by the one-dot chain line in Fig. 6. In other words, lever 3 is designed to move only within [[an]] a region in front of the front end surface of case 1 defined by an extension of the topmost surface of case 1 in front of the front end surface of case 1 and an extension of the lowermost surface of case 1 in front of the front end surface of case 1 (region indicated by a double-headed arrow in Fig. 6).--